

ELECTORAL AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2) 2015

SAMOA

Explanatory Memorandum

Introduction

The Bill seeks to amend the Electoral Act 1963. The objectives of the Bill are:

- (a) to allow a candidate to challenge the qualification of another candidate to be elected as a Member of Parliament;
- (b) to provide for six (6) months residential requirement for those wishing to be registered in the urban constituencies; and
- (c) to re-define the boundaries of the urban constituencies.

TULAFONO TAU FAAOFI O TEUTEUGA O LE TULAFONO O FAIGA PALOTA (Nu. 2) 2015

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Faamatalaga e Faamalamalama ai

Faatomuaga

Ua taumafai le Tulafono Tau Faaofi e teuteu le Tulafono o Faiga Palota 1963. O sini nei o le Tulafono Tau Faaofi:

- (a) ia avanoa ai se sui faatu e finauina uiga agavaa o le isi sui faatu o le a filifilia e aveia ma Sui Usufono o le Palemene;
- (b) ia aiaia ai mo le manaoga o le ono (6) masina e nofomau ai mo i latou e fia faamauina igoa i totonu o itumalo o nuu o le taulaga; ma
- (c) ia toe faamatalaina tuaoi o itumalo o nuu i le taulaga.

Clauses:

- Clause 1:** - states that when enacted, the Bill will be called the Electoral Amendment Act (No. 2) 2015. It will commence on the date it is assented to by the Head of State.
- Clause 2:** - amends section 5 by giving the right of a candidate to apply to the Supreme Court to challenge the qualification of another candidate for election as a Member of Parliament.
- Clause 3:** - amends section 19 to impose six (6) months residential requirements for those qualified to be registered on the urban constituencies.
- Clause 4:** - amends section 45A to amend the time requirements under that section.
- Clause 5:** - amends section 19 to re-define the urban constituencies.
- Clause 6:** - empowers the Head of State to make transitional regulations on the advice of Cabinet to deal with amending forms and creating new ones.

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Fuaiupu:

- Fuaiupu 1:** - ua taua ai e faapea, afai e pasia, o le a taua loa le Tulafono Tau Faaofi o le Tulafono o Teuteuga o le Tulafono o Faiga Palota (Nu. 2) 2015. O le a amata faamamaluina le Tulafono i le aso e tuuina i ai le maliega a Le Ao o le Malo.
- Fuaiupu 2:** - ua teuteu ai le fuaiupu 5, e ala i le tuuina atu o le aia tatau a se sui faatu e talosaga ai i le Faamasinoga Sili ina ia finauina uiga agavaa o le isi sui faatu mo le filifilia e avea ma Sui Usufono o le Palemene.
- Fuaiupu 3:** - ua teuteu ai le fuaiupu 19, e faaeeina atu ai manaoga o le ono (6) masina e nofomau ai, mo i latou ua agavaa ina ia faamauina igoa i itumalo o nuu i le taulaga.
- Fuaiupu 4:** - ua teuteu ai le fuaiupu 45A ina ia teuteuina ai manaoga o le taimi i lalo o lea fuaiupu.
- Fuaiupu 5:** - ua teuteu ai le fuaiupu 19, e toe faamatalaina ai itumalo o nuu i le taulaga.
- Fuaiupu 6:** - ua tuuina atu ai malosiaga i Le Ao o le Malo, e faia ai tulafono faatonutonu tau soloaiga i luga o le fautuaga a le Kapeneta e tagofia ai teuteuga e faia i pepa faatumu ma le faia o pepa faatumu fou.

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